

# H. R. 277.

---

FEBRUARY 6, 1823.

Read twice, and committed to the Committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill further to prolong the continuance of the Mint at Philadelphia.

---

## A BILL

*Making the gold Coins of Great Britain, France, Portugal, and Spain, receivable in payments, on account of Public Lands.*

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2   *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That,*  
3   from and after the passage of this act, the following gold  
4   coins shall be received in all payments on account of public  
5   lands, at the several and respective rates following, and not  
6   otherwise, viz: the gold coins of Great Britain and Portugal,  
7   of their present standard, at the rate of one hundred cents for  
8   every twenty-seven grains, or eighty-eight cents and eight  
9   ninths per pennyweight: the gold coins of France, of their  
10   present standard, at the rate of one hundred cents for every  
11   twenty-seven and a half grains, or eighty-seven and a quarter  
12   cents per pennyweight: and the gold coins of Spain, of their  
13   present standard, at the rate of one hundred cents for every  
14   twenty-eight and a half grains, or eighty-four cents per penny-  
15   weight.

1        **SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,*** That it shall be the  
2        duty of the Secretary of the Treasury, to cause assays of the  
3        foregoing coins to be made at the Mint of the United States,  
4        at least once in every year; and to make report of the result  
5        thereof to Congress.